

* *The T R Y A L of Gerrard Dromelius, Michael Van Berg, and Catherine Van Berg, alias Trunet, for the Murder of Mr. Oliver Norris, on the 13th of June last, who were Try'd at Justice-Hall in the Old Baily, on Friday the Fifth of July, 1700.*

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AFTER the Court was sat, a Jury was Impanelled half English and half Foreigners, whose Names are as followeth

Tho. Pitt, Gent.
Hother Van Caster.
William Ansfiter.
Roger Johnson.
Andrew Cook.
Cornelius Clauson.



Thomas Moody.
Jacob Millan.
Richard Davison.
Paul Vansoame.
Daniel Bifield.
Laurence Carpenter.

Gerrard Dromelius the Drawer, and Michael Van Berg the Vintner, and Catherine his Wife, alias Catherine Trunet, of the Parish of St. Butolphs without Algate, were Indicted upon 2 Indictments, and the Coroner's Inquisition for the Murder of Oliver Norris, Gent. on the 13th of June last, by giving him one mortal Wound with a Knife value 2 d. on the Throat of the Deceased, of which he instantly died: The second Indictment, was for the Robbing the said Norris, near the High way, on the said 13 of June, and taking from him a Stuff-coat, a Watt-Coat, a pair of Worsted knit Breeches, and 8 Guineas in Gold. Gerrard Dromelius the Drawer, confest the Crimes upon his Arraignment; but the other two put themselves upon their Tryal: The first Evidence deposed, that he was with the Deceased at the Red-Lion at Charing-Cross, about 12 a Clock, and that he had 8 Guineas about him at that time. Another Evidence deposed, that he did Drink with him in Wapping, about half an Hour after 3 or 4 a Clock. Another Evidence deposed, That he was with the deceased at the Prisoner's House, about 7 or 8 a Clock at Night, and left him asleep there, he being in Drink, and desired them to send for a Coach, and the Maid went and brought Word, that there was never a one to be got; then he desired them to take care of him, and wrote a Direction to send him to the Bull Ion without Algate, where his Horse stood, when he should awake. The Maid deposed, That the Deceased being in Drink, came with another Gentleman to her Master's House about 7 or 8 in the Evening. where they Drank, and the Gentleman desir'd them to send for a Coach, and her Mistress bid her go to a Neighbour's House, and stay a while, and then to come and say, that their was never a Coach to be got, which accordingly she did, upon Which the Gentleman called for a Pen and Ink and desired them to take care of him, and wrote a Note where the shou'd send him when he wakt, and the Gentleman left him asleep in a Box, where he slept till 9, before he wakt. Then he ask'd where his Friend was, and her Mistress told him, that he was gone, then he gave her very abusive Language, and went to the Door, and held a great Argument, and ask'd for satisfaction, and her Mistress said that he should have satisfaction by and by; then he came into the Kitchen, and sat down and drank a Bottle of Mead, then her Mistress bid her go to Bed, and take the Child with her, and she would make a Bed for the Gentleman, and he should lie there, upon which he made a Noise, and askt if their House was a Prison? The Drawer slept to him, and took his Sword from him, and put it in the Bar: In a little time after he was reconcil'd, after which she went up Stares, and made her Bed in the Garret, and went to Bed, and in the Night her Mistress came up with a Candle, and took the Hamper, which wakt her: About 6 or 7 a Clock in the Morning she mist the Hamper, in which the foul Cloths were, and when she came down, she askt her Mistress where the Hamper was, and she told her that she lent it to a Sugar-Baker, to carry things into the City: She farther said, that an uproar was made concerning the Murder, and People coming to the House, some of them made

enquiry for the Drawer, and found him gone, upon which they askt her Mistress where he was, and she said that he was gone into the Strand, and would be there in a little time; then the Constable took them to the Red-Cro's Tavern, and being there, her Mistress gave her the Wink, and pretended to go to the House of Office, and took her with her, and said, *Whatever you do, do not declare any thing of the Hamper*, and told her, that Gerrard had done it; and that he came with his Hands all bloody, and desired the Hamper of her, to convey away the Cloaths, and afterwards she followed her up Stairs, and said that her Life was in her Hands, and desired her to conceal it, for if she declared it, she should go the same way that Gerrard did, upon which she replied, she would never conceal Murder; and declared it to the Constable. Another Evidence deposed, That he got up in the Morning, and saw two Men at the Common-sewer, and that Van Berg was one of the Men, and the other a shorter Man, which he Swore to be the Drawer, having seen him that Morning in Newgate, and said, that he did think that they were come to hide some unaccustomed Goods in the Common-sewer; and declared, that he had the same Cloaths on now, as he had then when he saw him. Another Evidence deposed, That he rose in the Morning, and lookt over his Pails, and saw a great deal of Dirt and Rubbish thrown into the Ditch, more than was usual, but could see nothing at first, at length he spied the Heel of a Boot, and went and called more People, who found a Spur to it, at length they got out the Body, and found that it was Murdered, and stript of all its Cloaths, having nothing but a Pair of Boots on; upon which People gathered together, and went and seized the 2 Prisoners. Three other Evidences deposed, That they saw the Woman about 6 a Clock the next Morning, with a Mop and Pail, and that she had washt the House, and strowed Sand over it, whilst her Maid was abed. Two other Witnesses deposed, That behind the Kitchen door there was a Spot of Blood, about the bigness of a Crown-piece. Another Evidence deposed, That Van Berg askt him a Question by way of comparison, concerning Murder, and he gave him an Answer, upon which his Wife said, *What you Fool, do you begin to Howl already*. Another Evidence was the Surgeon, who deposed, That the Deceased was cut from Ear to Ear, and that he had One and thirty Wounds about him, which he did suppose to be done by some Knife, and a great Blow on one side of his Head, which he did believe they stunn'd him first withal.

As for taking the Drawer, a Carman deposed, That he took up the Hamper, and carried it to the Water side, and a Water-man carried it to the Bell at Pepper-alley, from whence it was carried to Whitehall, and from thence, to the Cock and Bottle by St. James's Square, where the Drawer was found abed, with the Hamper, and the bloody Cloaths in the same Room, which were afterwards produced in Court, which Fact being so plain against them, the Jury found them both Guilty of the two Indictments of Murder, but Acquitted them of the Robbery, but Dromelius confest all.

After which, they received Sentence of Death.

The Woman Pleaded her Belly, and a Jury of Matrons were Impanelled, who found her to be not with quick Child.

It is order'd, that they be all three Executed at the May-Pole in East-Smithfield; and that the two Men be afterwards Hang'd in Chains, at the most convenient Place near that end of the Town.